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Applicants : Eric Goutay, Laurence Lachamp, Jacques Frances, Joel Bougaret
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Title : Fast-Dissolving isotropic expanded microporous composition or
structure for pharmaceutical, veterinary, dietetic, food or cosmetic
and use and method for obtaining same

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

As soon as the Serial No. and Filing Date have been accorded the above-
identified application, kindly enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS: Kindly cancel claims 1-25 and replace with the following claims 26-
50, which correspond to each cancelled claim.

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REMARKS:

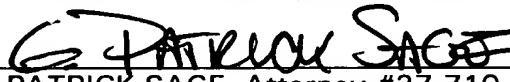
A few constructive editorial changes have been made in the claims to bring them
somewhat more into line with U.S. practice and requirements.

Applicants have cancelled all of the originally filed claims, 1-25ew claims 26-50
been added to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention,
notwithstanding Applicants' belief that the claims would have been allowable as
originally filed. Accordingly, Applicants assert that no claims have been narrowed within
the meaning of Festo . The replacement Claims are attached hereto.

Entry of the amendments and favorable action on the merits are all hereby
respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Replacement Claims 26-50